

# Accidents In The Workplace

The facts, figures and what to do if you suffer one

## What to do if you suffer an accident at work



### Step 1



#### Report the accident

If you have suffered an injury at work, make sure you report the accident to your employer as soon as possible.



This may be to your superior, a colleague or designated first aider. It is essential that the incident is properly recorded.

### Step 2



#### Use the accident book

Any injury sustained at work (including minor injuries) should be recorded in your employer's 'accident book'.



The procedure for using the accident book should have been explained in your induction or be in your employee handbook.

### Step 3



#### Make detailed notes

Make a careful note of how your accident occurred and, if appropriate, take photographs or draw a plan of the area where the accident occurred.



Should you need to take action in the future, the success of your claim may depend on the amount of evidence you have.

### Step 4



#### Record witness

If anyone witnesses your work accident, be sure to take down their names and contact information.



While the explanation and notes you provide are important, the testimony of third parties may help immeasurably with your claim.

### Step 5



#### Seek expert advice

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Your employer has a duty to provide you with a safe place and system of work, together with safe working equipment and sufficient training to enable you to carry out your duties safely.

You have the right to return home from work unharmed, but if you suffer injury as a result of the fault / negligence of your employer or a fellow employee, then you have the right to pursue a personal injury claim.

There are many laws and regulations which serve to protect you against work accidents, and specialist solicitors will be best placed to advise you about how these apply to your individual set of circumstances.

## The figures (UK)



27.3 million working days were lost due to work related ill-health or injury in 2014/15.



Three times more men than women die from occupational cancer.



There were 142 workplace fatalities in 2014/15 – up from 136 in 2013/14.



13,000 people a year die from work-related lung disease and cancer.



There were 611,000 injuries in the workplace in 2014/15.



In 2014, 1.2 million people suffered from a work related illness, 516,000 of these were new cases.



The most frequent causes of injury are manual handling, slips and trips and falls from height.

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